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As you are aware, as my Special Envoy in Africa, Mohammed Sahnoun has been actively engaged, in collaboration with the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United States of America, in efforts to help resolve the conflict between Eritrea and Ethiopia. Those efforts helped to facilitate the conclusion of the OAU Framework Agreement and the modalities for its implementation, both of which were accepted by the two parties. The Technical Arrangements, which were prepared in Algiers by OAU, the United States of America and the United Nations with Mr. Sahnoun's active participation, to assist further the implementation of the Framework Agreement were accepted by Eritrea. Clarification was provided to the questions raised by Ethiopia on some of the provisions of the Technical Arrangements and efforts are continuing to obtain Ethiopia's acceptance. Mr. Sahnoun is fully involved in those efforts.

Moreover, I have decided to ask Mr. Sahnoun also to follow developments in other countries in the Horn of Africa subregion, especially Somalia and the Sudan, and to represent me in meetings on the two countries of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IEAD) and the IEAD Partners Forum.

For these reasons, I have decided to extend the appointment of Mr. Sahnoun as my Adviser on Africa until 31 December 2000.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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